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Ace in a *frock*? Doctor Who's tomboy assistant has even more surprises up her sleeve in store. Sophie Aldred tells all . . .

Monster bash

MET ANY GOOD monsters recently? I have. In fact, I recently encountered the most scary ones so far – worse than the Cybermen or even the Daleks. They're called Haemovores and they're after people's blood!

According to the Doctor, Haemovore is the correct technical term, but they're vampires if you ask me. They are really horrible, with hideously deformed faces and they're what humans evolve into in millions of years' time – although actually they're from the past.

That story – *The Curse of Fenric* – is set in wartime Britain, so wait until you see my clothes and haircut. I've decided I should blend in a bit more and not just wear my old black bomber jacket and badges all the time. For another adventure, *Ghost Light*, we end up in a Victorian house and I have to wear a rather beautiful dress. The only problem is that they used to wear corsets underneath, which didn't do down too well!

That house is really spooky. It is full of pale-looking maids and a housekeeper who are all taken over by these monsters called the Husks. They wear dinner suits so they look all right until you see their hands and faces – one is an insect and the other a reptile, with enormous bulbous eyes.

Then there are the Cheetah



Out for blood: the Haemovores (inset) just one of the monstrous foes Sophie Aldred does battle with in the new *Doctor Who*

People that we meet on a strange planet in a story called *Survival*, who try to turn everyone into big cats like themselves.

I quite like them in a way – all that running around in wide open spaces appeals to me – and I make friends with one of them. But really they are dangerous fighting, killing creatures, like real cheetahs.

There is one adventure that doesn't have any monsters. It is like King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table, only from another dimension. I was a bit disappointed that I never get to have a sword fight, although I do wield a sword – but you'll have to wait and see how that happens!

This time the Doctor really does seem to have gone out of his way to make me face up to things that frighten me. He's a trickster, that's why I like him – I'm a bit of a rebel and he's a rebel Time Lord. Maybe he's made me grow up a bit, although I haven't lost my appetite for adventure, you'll be pleased to hear. I'm not really one to sit around in the Tardis and knit! ●

□ Sophie Aldred returns in *Doctor Who* on Wednesday BBC1 – and look out for her in a new series of *Corners* beginning on BBC1 next week

NEW SERIES

7.35pm

Doctor Who

starring Sylvester McCoy.

Battlefield

Part 1 of a four-part
adventure by
Ben Aaronovitch.

England, the near future: the
Doctor and Ace join the
Brigadier in a battle against
warriors from another
dimension – and discover
that pub prices are
outrageous.

Doris.....ANGELA DOUGLAS
Brigadier Lethbridge-Stewart

NICHOLAS COURTNEY

Sgt Zbrigniev.....ROBERT JEZEK

Brig Bambera ..ANGELA BRUCE

MorgaineJEAN MARSH

AceSOPHIE ALDRED

Peter WarmlyJAMES ELLIS

AncelynMARCUS GILBERT

Mordred ..CHRISTOPHER BOWEN

Shou Yuing.....LING TAI

Elizabeth Rowlinson

JUNE BLAND

Pat Rowlinson ...NOEL COLLINS

Theme music composed by
RON GRAINER

Theme arrangement/incidental
music KEFF MCCULLOCH

Stunt arranger ALF JOINT

Costume designer

ANUSHLA NIERADZIK

Script editor ANDREW CARTMEL

Designer MARTIN COLLINS

Producer JOHN NATHAN-TURNER

Director MICHAEL KERRIGAN

● CEEFAX SUBTITLES

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7.35pm

Doctor Who

starring **Sylvester McCoy**.

Battlefield

Part 2 of a four-part
adventure by

Ben Aaronovitch.

The Doctor uses Merlin's
mighty powers, the Brigadier
discovers a new way of
landing a helicopter and Ace
goes for a swim.

Ancelyn**MARCUS GILBERT**

Ace**SOPHIE ALDRED**

Shou Yuing**LING TAI**

Brigadier Bambera

ANGELA BRUCE

Mordred ..**CHRISTOPHER BOWEN**

Flight Lt Lavel**DOROTA RAE**

Brigadier Lethbridge-Stewart

NICHOLAS COURTNEY

Elizabeth Rowlinson

JUNE BLAND

Pat Rowlinson ...**NOEL COLLINS**

Peter Warmcly**JAMES ELLIS**

Morgaine**JEAN MARSH**

Knight commander

STEFAN SCHWARTZ

Incidental music by

KEFF MCCULLOCH

Make-up designer **JULIETTE MAYER**

Script editor **ANDREW CARTMEL**

Designer **MARTIN COLLINS**

Producer **JOHN NATHAN-TURNER**

Director **MICHAEL KERRIGAN**

● **CEEFAX SUBTITLES**



*Let's just have a look at you: the time-travelling Doctor
(Sylvester McCoy) unmasks Mordred (Christopher Bowen)*
Doctor Who, 7.35pm BBC1

7.35pm

Doctor Who

starring **Sylvester McCoy**.

Battlefield

Part 3 of a four-part
adventure by

Ben Aaronovitch.

The Doctor has gone to the
battlefield, leaving Ace and
Shou Yuing back at the hotel.
All they have to worry about
there is a demon, nuclear
weapons and a witch playing
games with their minds.

Ace**SOPHIE ALDRED**

Peter Warmly**JAMES ELLIS**

Ancelyn**MARCUS GILBERT**

Brig Bambera ..**ANGELA BRUCE**

Brig Lethbridge-Stewart

NICHOLAS COURTNEY

Shou Yuing**LING TAI**

Elizabeth**JUNE BLAND**

Mordred ..**CHRISTOPHER BOWEN**

Morgaine**JEAN MARSH**

Knight commander

STEFAN SCHWARTZ

Pat Rowlinson ...**NOEL COLLINS**

Flight Lt Lavel.....**DOROTA RAE**

Major Husak**PAUL TOMANY**

Incidental music **KEFF MCCULLOCH**

Stunt arranger **ALF JOINT**

Visual effects designer

DAVE BEZKOROWAJNY

Script editor **ANDREW CARTMEL**

Designer **MARTIN COLLINS**

Producer **JOHN NATHAN-TURNER**

Director **MICHAEL KERRIGAN**

● **CEEFAX SUBTITLES**

7.35pm

Doctor Who

starring **Sylvester McCoy**.

Battlefield

Part 4 of a four-part
adventure by
Ben Aaronovitch.

If the Doctor is Merlin, and
Ace is the Lady of the Lake,
where is King Arthur?

Ace..... SOPHIE ALDRED

Shou Yuing..... LING TAI

Morgaine..... JEAN MARSH

The Destroyer... MAREK ANTON

Mordred..... CHRISTOPHER BOWEN

Brigadier Lethbridge-Stewart

NICHOLAS COURTNEY

Knight Commander

STEFAN SCHWARTZ

Ancelyn..... MARCUS GILBERT

Brig Bambera.. ANGELA BRUCE

Doris..... ANGELA DOUGLAS

Incidental music KEFF McCULLOCH

Stunt arranger ALF JOINT

Studio lighting DAVID LOCK

Script editor ANDREW CARTMEL

Designer MARTIN COLLINS

Producer JOHN NATHAN-TURNER

Director MICHAEL KERRIGAN

● CEEFAX SUBTITLES

Doctor Who ... who is he?

I am really fed up with the way the BBC and *Radio Times* have treated one of their most popular and famous programmes of the past 26 years. What am I referring to? *Doctor Who* (Wednesdays BBC1) of course.

No other drama or sci-fi programme is as universally loved and has been running as long as *Doctor Who*. So why this shoddy treatment by the BBC? No features of great importance in the new season *Radio Times*, bar a small article about Ace in the children's section. *Doctor Who* is *not* a children's programme – it is made in the drama department of the BBC, not the children's – and should not be treated as such. It also has the more adult time slot of 7.35pm on a weekday.

(Miss) Hazel Ford
Bromley, Kent

7.20pm

Doctor Who

The season of classic repeats continues with *Battlefield*, a four-part story starring

Sylvester McCoy

1: England, the near future: the Doctor and Ace join the brigadier in a battle against warriors from another dimension. With Sophie Aldred and Nicholas Courtney.

Written by Ben Aaronovitch

Producer John Nathan-Turner

Director Michael Kerrigan

Rpt Subtitled

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7.10pm

Doctor Who

The season of classic repeats continues with *Battlefield*, a four-part story by Ben Aaronovitch, starring

Sylvester McCoy

2: The Doctor uses Merlin's mighty powers, the Brigadier discovers a new way of landing a helicopter and Ace goes for a swim. With Sophie Aldred as Ace and Nicholas Courtney as Brigadier Lethbridge-Stewart.

Producer John Nathan-Turner

Director Michael Kerrigan

Rpt Subtitled

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BBC VIDEOS: a good selection of Doctor Who videos is available from retailers.

7.20pm

Doctor Who

Battlefield. A four-part story by Ben Aaronovitch, starring

Sylvester McCoy

3: The Doctor leaves Ace to go to the battlefield.

Producer John Nathan-Turner

Director Michael Kerrigan

Rpt Subtitled

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7.20pm

Doctor Who

Battlefield. Last part of this story by Ben Aaronovitch,

starring **Sylvester McCoy**

If the Doctor is Merlin, where is King Arthur?

Producer John Nathan-Turner

Director Michael Kerrigan

Rpt Subtitled

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